Plantation of tamarind trees.

111 *MR PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have or the Conservator of Forests has received proposals for the plantation of tamarind trees in Chinnar and Vellakkal Theri ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken in the matter ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATASWARA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A tamarind plantation, 5 acres in extent, was opened at Chinnar during 1115, but the attempt proved a failure. Arrangements have been made to raise nurseries of tamarind seedlings with a view to plant them out in suitable places.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether they have enquired into the reasons why the attempt proved to be a failure?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATASWARA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reasons?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATASWARA AIYAR : Want of proper rain during the season in which the experiment was tried.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether they have considered the possibility of planting tamarind trees there?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATASWARA AIYAR : Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether it is in the same locality?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATASWARA AIYAR : Partly in the same locality and partly in some other locality. It is not a question of locality alone.

Pumping out water from the fields.

112 *MR. P. S. MUHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state how far Government have been able to afford facilities to the cultivators in the matter of pumping out water from fields ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government have made electric power available, wherever possible for pumping out water from fields. Arrangements have also been made for the supply of crude oil for the engines.

Puduval lands near Kumili.

113 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are puduval lands on either side of Kumili-Vandanmedu road ;

(*b*) what will be the total acreage available there ;

(*c*) whether there are tree growths in these areas ; and

(*d*) whether they are marshy places fit for paddy cultivation ?

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